

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (original): A gaming device comprising:

a display device;

a primary game operable upon a wager by a player;

a plurality of different game display interfaces operable to be displayed by the display device to represent said primary game to the player, wherein each interface includes a plurality of different symbols, wherein the symbols in each interface perform an identical function in the primary game with respect to corresponding symbols in the other interfaces, and wherein a plurality of the corresponding symbols in the interfaces are visually different from one another; and

an event that causes the display device to switch from displaying one of the interfaces for said primary game to another one of the interfaces for said primary game.

Claim 2 (original): The gaming device of claim 1, wherein the event is the player's selection of an input device that enables the player to select to switch from one of the interfaces to another one of the interfaces.

Claim 3 (original): The gaming device of claim 1, wherein the primary game is a slot game including a plurality of reels, wherein said symbols are displayed on the reels.

Claim 4 (original): The gaming device of claim 1, wherein at least two of the interfaces include at least one visually identical symbol.

Claim 5 (original): The gaming device of claim 1, wherein each symbol in one of the interfaces has a corresponding symbol in another one of the interfaces.

Claim 6 (original): The gaming device of claim 5, wherein the corresponding symbols are provided in a same frequency in said two interfaces.

Claim 7 (original): The gaming device of claim 1, wherein each symbol in one of the interfaces has a corresponding symbol in each of the other interfaces.

Claim 8 (original): The gaming device of claim 7, wherein corresponding symbols are provided in a same frequency in each of the interfaces.

Claim 9 (original): The gaming device of claim 1, wherein a plurality of symbols of one of the interfaces correspond to symbols in another one of the interfaces, and wherein the corresponding symbols have different but related indicia.

Claim 10 (original): The gaming device of claim 1, wherein a plurality of symbols of one of the interfaces correspond to symbols in another one of the interfaces, and wherein the corresponding symbols have different and unrelated indicia.

Claim 11 (original): The gaming device of claim 1, wherein the each of the interfaces includes indicia consistent with a different game theme.

Claim 12 (original): The gaming device of claim 11, wherein each theme is selected from the group consisting of: a movie theme, a television show theme, a music theme, a famous person/group theme, a sports theme, a famous historical event theme and any combination thereof.

Claim 13 (original): The gaming device of claim 11, wherein a first interface display occurs before a second interface display, wherein the first interface corresponds to a theme event that occurs chronologically before a theme event corresponding to the second interface.

Claim 14 (original): The gaming device of claim 1, wherein the interfaces each enable the player to advance to a same bonus game.

Claim 15 (original): The gaming device of claim 14, wherein a bonus game trigger for the bonus game in each of the interfaces has the same indicia.

Claim 16 (original): The gaming device of claim 15, wherein each interface includes a bonus game trigger for the bonus game, the triggers having different indicia.

Claim 17 (original): The gaming device of claim 1, wherein the interfaces each enable the player to advance to a plurality of bonus games, at least one bonus game having a bonus trigger common to each of the interfaces, and at least one bonus game having bonus triggers specific to the different interfaces.

Claim 18 (original): The gaming device of claim 1, wherein the interfaces each enable the player to advance to a bonus game specific to the interface.

Claim 19 (original): The gaming device of claim 1, wherein a random decision determines whether to change interfaces.

Claim 20 (original): The gaming device of claim 19, which includes an input device that enables the player to override said random decision.

Claim 21 (original): The gaming device of claim 19, wherein the random decision is based on an event selected from the group consisting of: a number of games played, an amount wagered, an amount won/lost, a number of games played without a win, an amount of credits on a credit meter, a symbol display, and any combination thereof.

Claim 22 (original): The gaming device of claim 19, wherein the random decision is weighted according to an event selected from the group consisting of: a number of games played, an amount wagered, an amount won/lost, a number of games played without a win, an amount of credits on a credit meter, a symbol display and any combination thereof.

Claim 23 (original): The gaming device of claim 19, wherein the random decision is based on an outcome of the primary game.

Claim 24 (original): The gaming device of claim 1, wherein at least two of the interfaces are characterized by: having payouts with different volatilities, payouts yielding different expected values, payouts with different eligibility requirements, and payouts with different triggering mechanisms.

Claim 25 (original): The gaming device of claim 1, wherein a stage of a plurality of stages within a theme of the game determines which interface to use.

Claim 26 (original): The gaming device of claim 25, wherein each of the stages is associated with a different interface.

Claim 27 (original): The gaming device of claim 25, wherein each of the stages is associated with a plurality of different interfaces.

Claim 28 (original): The gaming device of claim 27, wherein one of the interfaces within the different interfaces associated with one of the stages is selected by the primary game to play.

Claim 29 (original): The gaming device of claim 28, wherein one of the interfaces within the different interfaces associated with one of the stages is selected by the player to play.

Claim 30 (original): The gaming device of claim 25, which includes an input device that enables the player to override the interface selected based on the stage of the theme.

Claim 31 (original): The gaming device of claim 25, wherein the interface associated with the stage is played for a number of plays before a different stage and interface therefore are used.

Claim 32 (original): The gaming device of claim 31, wherein the number of plays is preset.

Claim 33 (original): The gaming device of claim 31, wherein the number of plays is determined randomly.

Claim 34 (original): The gaming device of claim 25, wherein the stages occur chronologically in accordance with a storyline associated with the theme.

Claim 35 (original): The gaming device of claim 1, which includes different audios associated with at least two of the interfaces.

Claim 36 (currently amended): The gaming device of claim 1, which includes a log of outcomes of primary games played using symbols of the interfaces.

Claim 37 (original): A gaming device comprising:
a display device;
a primary game operable upon a wager by a player;
a plurality of different game display interfaces operable to be displayed by the display device to represent said primary game to the player, a menu operable to be displayed to the player that displays the symbols of the interfaces to the player, wherein each interface includes a plurality of different symbols, wherein the symbols in each interface perform an identical function in the primary game with respect to corresponding symbols in the other interfaces, and wherein a plurality of the corresponding symbols in the interfaces are visually different from one another; and
an event that causes the display device to switch from displaying one of the interfaces for said primary game to another one of the interfaces for said primary game.

Claim 38 (original): The gaming device of claim 37, wherein the event is the player's selection of an input device corresponding to said menu and that enables the player to select to switch from one of the interfaces displayed by said menu to another one of the interfaces displayed by said menu.

Claim 39 (original): The gaming device of claim 37, wherein the primary game is a slot game including a plurality of reels, wherein said symbols are displayed on the reels.

Claim 40 (original): The gaming device of claim 37, wherein at least two of the interfaces include at least one visually identical symbol.

Claim 41 (original): The gaming device of claim 37, wherein each symbol in one of the interfaces has a corresponding symbol in another one of the interfaces.

Claim 42 (original): The gaming device of claim 41, wherein the corresponding symbols are provided in a same frequency in said two interfaces.

Claim 43 (original): The gaming device of claim 37, wherein each symbol in one of the interfaces has a corresponding symbol in each of the other interfaces.

Claim 44 (original): The gaming device of claim 43, wherein corresponding symbols are provided in a same frequency in each of the interfaces.

Claim ~~44~~45 (currently amended): The gaming device of claim 37, wherein a plurality of symbols of one of the interfaces correspond to symbols in another one of the interfaces, and wherein the corresponding symbols have different but related indicia.

Claim ~~45~~46 (currently amended): The gaming device of claim 37, wherein a plurality of symbols of one of the interfaces correspond to symbols in another one of the interfaces, and wherein the corresponding symbols have different and unrelated indicia.

Claim ~~46~~47 (currently amended): A gaming device comprising: a display device; a primary game operable upon a wager by a player; a plurality of visually different interfaces which are each adapted to be displayed by the display device to represent the primary game to the player, wherein each interface includes a plurality of the different symbols, wherein the symbols in each interface perform an identical function in the primary game in accordance with a paytable of the primary game, and wherein a plurality of the different symbols in each one of the interfaces look visually different than the plurality of the different symbols in each of the other interfaces that perform the same function; and an input device which enables the player to cause the display device to switch from displaying one of the interfaces for said primary game to another one of the interfaces for said primary game.

Claim ~~47~~48 (currently amended): A gaming device comprising: a display device; a primary game operable upon a wager by a player; a plurality of different game display interfaces operable to be displayed by the display device to represent the primary game to the player, wherein each interface includes a plurality of different symbols, wherein the symbols in each interface perform an identical function in the primary game with respect to corresponding symbols in the other interfaces, wherein each symbol in each of the interfaces has a corresponding symbol in each of the other interfaces, wherein the corresponding symbols are provided in a same frequency in each of said interfaces, and wherein a plurality of the corresponding symbols in the interfaces are visually different from one another; and an event that causes the display device to switch from displaying one of the interfaces for said primary game to another one of the interfaces for said primary game.

Claim ~~48~~49 (currently amended): The gaming device of claim ~~47~~48, wherein the event is the player's selection of an input device that enables the player to select to switch from one of the interfaces to another one of the interfaces.

Claim ~~49~~50 (currently amended): The gaming device of claim ~~47~~48, wherein the primary game is a slot game including a plurality of reels, wherein said symbols are displayed on the reels.

Claim ~~50~~51 (currently amended): The gaming device of claim ~~47~~48, wherein each of the interfaces include at least one visually identical symbol.